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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its decision 66/554 of 22 December 2011[1] concerning arrangements for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that "[t]hose non-governmental organizations and other major groups currently not in consultative status but wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference may apply to the secretariat for that purpose". In the same decision, the General Assembly also stated that the secretariat, with support from the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service and other relevant United Nations entities, would "review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development issues, particularly in the process of follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development". If the evaluation showed, on the basis of the information provided, that the applicant organization was competent and its activities relevant to the work of the Conference, the secretariat would recommend it to the General Assembly for accreditation. In cases where such recommendation was not made, the secretariat would make available to the General Assembly the reasons for not doing so.

2. The secretariat has received and evaluated a total of 902 completed applications received by 20 February 2012, which was the deadline for submitting applications. Annex I to the present note contains the list of those non-governmental organizations and other major groups that are recommended by the secretariat for accreditation. Annex II to this note contains the list of submissions that were not evaluated by the secretariat because they are: (a) government entities; (b) intergovernmental organizations or United Nations agencies and therefore

[1] A/66/440/Add.1, para. 17.

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directed to a different accreditation procedure; (c) already in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, on the Commission on Sustainable Development roster, or on the World Summit on Sustainable Development list; (d) private or public sector entities that are not eligible for accreditation with the United Nations given their for-profit nature; and (e) media outlets that have been deferred to a different accreditation procedure. Annex III to this note contains the list of those submissions that are not recommended by the secretariat, either because (a) they are not organizations that meet the established criteria for what constitute an NGO; or (b) competence in activities relevant to the work of the Conference could not be established based on the information submitted. Details on each organization can be reviewed from the following online pages:

(a) http://csonet.org/content/documents/AccreditationsAnnexI.htm

(b) http://csonet.org/content/documents/AccreditationsAnnexII.htm

(c) http://csonet.org/content/documents/AccreditationsAnnexIII.htm